

The Daily Novelette

Mildred's Wager

HAROLD SHIPWAY sat on the piano stool before the piano in Mildred Brown's little parlor. Mildred Brown, music teacher, sat beside him on a little, straight chair, watching him as he played. Harold looked at her with a smile, straightening his fingers intently. Harold looked at her with a smile, straightening his fingers intently.

"You were sorry," said the teacher, looking at her eyes. "You'd play better. Doesn't it hurt your ears when you play discord?"

"No, in the least," confessed Harold. "I don't suppose I am. Besides, my fingers are big and clumsy."

"How about it?" Mildred said, with eyes still averted, then cautiously raising them. "But you began the lesson before you had ever seen me—"

"Oh, Stapleton has a heart of ice," Mildred agreed. "I've lived and worked here six years, and I've never been in his house except to give lessons. The people think I am socially beneath them because I teach music."

"And they think I am their social inferior because I came here to be manager of the Stapleton Mills without a social introduction, because you are a poor young man without fortune and without a family name that dates back to the colonial wars. Oh, I know Stapleton. The only time they overlook the fact that a person doesn't come from one of the first families is when he has a million or so."

"Do you really think they are as mercenary as that? I thought perhaps they hadn't taken me up because they had got around to it. I can't believe money counts for so much."

Harold folded the music on the music holder before him. "You know I don't care for society of that sort of thing. Only having been brought up in a place where my people knew every one I got used to being made to feel at home. I tell you it's great having people's doors swung open for you, and knowing you'll be welcome once in a while for dinner."

"Mr. Shipway sighed. "Now, little teacher, I've said enough about myself. I'm a duffer at music, but I like to hear it. Besides, I'm a little tired."

"But aren't you going to try?" said the teacher, very much surprised to see her hitherto docile pupil rising deliberately from the piano stool where he was supposed to sit for another half hour.

"No, I'm going to sit in this comfortable chair and get you to play something with a good old-fashioned tune to it. Won't you, please?"

Mildred Brown answered by drawing the music chair nearer the piano and lowering the back to a comfortable angle. Then she opened the window shades to keep out the late afternoon sun and sat down at the piano. First she played "Home, Sweet Home," and then she played Mendelssohn's "Spring Song."

"That's the only supper," said Aunt Nellie would be glad, I know—"

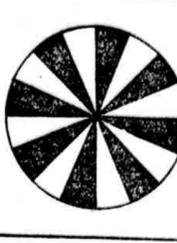
Harold Shipway had followed Mildred to the door. "Of course, I'll stay," he said, following her out of the little parlor down the hall toward the dining room door, but before they reached the door, Harold Shipway drew very close to the little teacher. He laid two hands on her right arms and for a moment stooped and rested his head wearily on the little teacher's shoulder, and she turned and kissed the cheek.

"You shouldn't do that," scolded the teacher, and Harold was prompt in his rather lame apology.

"I'm sorry, but I suppose it is because I'm so lonely here in Stapleton. I just couldn't help it."

At 9 Harold Shipway, feeling much less lonely than he had felt earlier in the day, was taking his departure. It was as he parted that Mildred offered her wage.

After-Dinner Tricks



No. 205—The Ghost Coin
Cut out the figure shown above, and paste it to a card, or copy the diagram in black ink. Announce that you can cause the ghost of a dime to appear with the aid of the card.

To accomplish the feat, which is really a remarkable optical illusion, stand with your back to the light, and hold the card by the lower right-hand corner. Give the card a rotary motion, in either direction, rather rapidly, but merely directing the wrist, rather than the whole arm. Near the center of the card will appear the phantom of a silver coin, just about the size of a dime.

The illusion is caused by the converging rays of the diagram, which blend together at the center to form a silver-gray circle.
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foresaid. It was Mildred's first deliberate lie, but she felt justified. "It will get them interested," she said to herself. "When they know they'll like him so much they won't care whether he has money or not. And they'll only blame me, and I can say I heard it indirectly—I don't care what they think of me, anyway."

A week later Harold came for his music lesson. He brought with him the box of cards. "I love," he said, "Stapleton has begun to be friendly."

"The Loftons asked me to dinner, and so did the Palmers. I went to the Loftons, but had to decline the Palmers because their invitation was for tonight, and I thought I had a previous invitation. You will let me stay to supper again, won't you, please?"

"Funny thing is," Harold went on, when they had gone into the little parlor. "That now these people have begun to be friendly I don't seem to care about it. The fact is, I don't intend to stay here much longer. I am very anxious to be married—if I do I shall want to take my bride home with me. She doesn't like Stapleton. If I don't marry—then the farther I am from Stapleton the better."

"How—how interesting," said poor Mildred. "May I never love?"

"Foolish little girl," said Harold. "You know her already. You are the only girl I ever wanted to marry—but before I really ask you I must make a confession—"

FREE BAD CHECK PASSER

Ross E. Smith Promises to Make Restitution
Ross E. Smith, son of Dr. A. S. Smith, of 5011 Cobbs Creek boulevard, pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of passing worthless checks, but Judge McDevitt freed him upon his promise to make restitution.

After his counsel had pleaded in his behalf, young Smith said to the Court: "I realize my mistake and would like an opportunity to make good."

Smith was accused by Albert D. Entwistle, a department head at the West Philadelphia High School, and by Frank H. Hamilton, manager of a Chestnut street jewelry store. He was also accused of having passed a worthless check on the Corn Exchange National Bank. The young man laid his wrongdoing to the "gay life."

He is in the Memorial Hospital with a fractured skull.

Man Hit as He Leans Out Car Window
When James Angelo, thirty-two years old, of 2124 Toronto street, put his head out of a window of a south-bound Ridge avenue trolley car at Middle avenue last night to see fire engines pass, he was struck by a northbound car.

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Brown & Braucher Furriers Remodeling & Repairing a Specialty 537 Chestnut Ave. Germantown

Jones' Good Shoes Boys' and girls' shoes, extra double sole, with full vamp. Rubber heels attached. All styles. 6 to 13 and 1 to 4. \$2.45 and \$2.85 2705 GERMANTOWN AVE.

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The Sweater Shop Boys' & Girls' SWEATERS \$1.98 TO \$4.45 All desirable shades. Full vests and sweater coats. Exceptionally good for school wear.

Blackstone Knitting Mills 38 South 8th St.

Alkali in Shampoos Bad for Washing Hair Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

HELENE SALON Permanent Hair Waving OIL METHOD \$15 to \$35 Big, Loose Natural Waves 102 S. 13th Street Kennedy Bldg. Take Elevator Phone: Walnut 7968-7983

A wonderful Group of exquisite tailored dresses, personally selected—real creations, as low as \$35 A. Gattone 1703 Walnut St.

1530 Locust St. New Housekeeping Apartment House S. E. Cor. 16th and Locust Streets. Absolute fireproof building. Several Apartments available. Also desirable Doctors' Offices. Inspection invited. All modern equipment. Refrigerators, laundry, separate maids' quarters. Private Branch Exchange Many New Features

The Juliet J. Lawler invites your inspection of the Newest Models for Fall and Winter Tailored and Dressy Hats for all occasions 1126 Walnut St. One Floor From 12th St.

\$50,000 Fur Sale New Advance Fall and Winter Furs and Fur Garments AT WHOLESALE PRICES For Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Persian Lamb Coat \$275 Usual Retail Price \$400

Caracul Coat \$145

A Real Raccoon Coat \$135

Hudson Seal Coats \$225 Usual Retail Price \$350

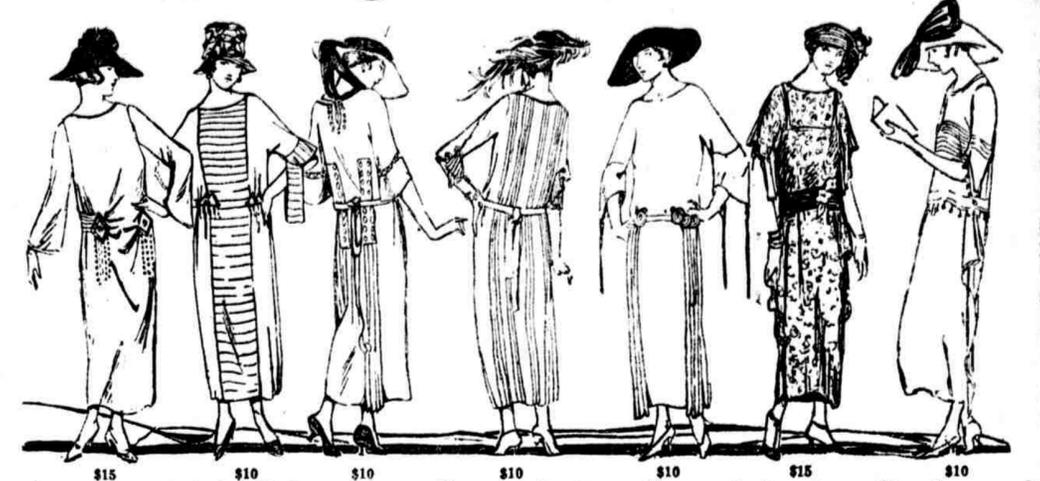
Natural Squirrel Coats \$285 Usual Retail Price \$450

Kolinsky Cape \$385 Usual Retail Price \$650

Mole Capes, Muskrat Coats—Trimmed and Untrimmed Boy Seal Coats and Capes—Trimmed and Untrimmed Hudson Seal Coats and Coats—Trimmed and Untrimmed Persian Lamb Coats—Skunk and Mink Trimmed SHUSTERMAN'S FUR SHOP 1210 CHESTNUT ST. 2 FLIGHTS UP Manufacturing Furriers A Small Deposit Will Reserve Any Article

Wanamaker's Down Stairs Store

A Maker's Emergency Brings a Sale of Autumn Dresses That Surpass Any We Have Offered In a Long Time at \$10 and \$15



Materials include silk Canton crepe, silk crepe de chine, silk crepe-back satin, radium lace, wool tricotine and wool faille—a few of them with silk-lined bodices. Colors are mostly navy and black, but there are some browns. Sizes in the \$10 group 16 to 44; sizes in the \$15 group 16 to 46. Styles include nearly every variation of Autumn fashion: draperies, longer panels, pleated panels, exaggerated tassels, fagoting, combinations of dull and bright surface satin-back crepe, pin tucking, braid, beads, embroidery, rosettes, velvet ribbon, colored waist medallions, heavy lace crochet dyed to match the dresses and all sorts of interesting sleeves.

Three-Quarters of the Collection at \$10 Twelve styles at this one price. Mostly silk, but some are of the cloths that will be needed as soon as Jack Frost arrives. They are as simple or as elaborate as one could wish, and they are amazingly well made.

The Seven Dresses Pictured A dinner dress of black lace with red flower at \$15. Canton crepe, silk lined, with jet and jade colored bead ornaments, \$15. Canton crepe with buttoned panels and draperies, \$10. Canton crepe with pin tucking and a fringe of small silk-covered balls, \$10. Canton crepe, pleated back and front, with tight sleeve to the elbow from which extends a pleated "flare," \$10.

Double-Faced Heather Sports Coats, \$10.75 Showing new warm sturdy coats for high school girls, college women and others who wear sizes 14 to 44. Brown, green and navy heather tweed mixtures with plain colored back. Plenty warm without a lining. Large buckle on the belt. Big pockets. Cozy collar. Specially priced. Other Sports Coats at \$12.50, \$13.50, \$16.50 and to \$42.50. Tweeds, herringbones, plain tan cloths and camels'-hair. (Down Stairs Store, Market) Fiber Silk Scarfs, Specially Priced \$2.90 Gray with half-inch lengthwise stripes of purple, green, Copenhagen blue and black. Also dark blue with lighter blue, yellow with blue, green with gray, dark red with gold. All finished with long silky fringe. At \$3.75 and \$5 are scarfs of plain or "ribbed" weave in blue, henna, black, brown, gray and tan. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

"Gardenia" The College Girl's Corset \$2.50 to \$5.50 "Gardenia" corsets are made for -Wanamaker corsets, planned to fill the corsetry needs of growing girls, college girls and slender and athletic women. Scientifically designed and made of dainty, durable materials. Elastic girdles in various lengths; pretty poplin girdles with inserts of elastic; "junior" corsets and more heavily boned corsets for the fuller "young" figure. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

School Girls' Gingham Blouses, 75c Nice-looking simply made gingham blouses that a schoolgirl finds a dozen uses for. White, blue, pink and green. Sizes 8 to 14. Middy Blouses, 75c Marked down a fourth from an already special price. Fine smooth material, with plain or checked gingham or figured percale collars and cuffs. Short sleeved. Sizes 8 to 14. All-Wool Bloomers, \$3.50 to \$5.50 "Class, fall in!" says the gym instructor crisply, and one wants to look as trim as possible as the line snaps into position. Well-cut serge bloomers, pleated to an adjustable waistband. Good width. Sizes 12 to 20. (Down Stairs Store, Market)

Men's Autumn Suits Have One or Two Pair Trousers at \$25 Specially good all-wool cassimere and cheviot suits are in desirable indefinite mixed patterns and good Autumn colors. One or two pair trousers. Right weights for now and later. Men will find them in the Down Stairs Store for Men, on the Gallery, direct entrance at Market Street and just one flight down. All-Wool Trousers Are \$5 Fancy all-wool chevots and cassimeres in good mixed patterns. Colors that will probably "match up" with a man's last year's coat and vest, thus doubling its term of service. (Down Stairs Store for Men on the Gallery, Market)

Blankets for Babies' Beds and Bassinets, 50c and \$1.25 Soft little cotton blankets for babies' crib or coach—plain white and novelty colored kinds, single or double. 50c for a white cotton double-blanket, with pink or blue borders. Bound edges. 27 1/2 x 37 1/2 inches. 65c for pair of white cotton blankets, which may be used singly or doubly, with pink or blue borders. 80x40 inches. \$1 for warm double blankets of soft-nap cotton, white with pink or blue borders. 30x40 inches. \$1 and \$1.25 for novelty colored cash blankets with nursery figure printings. Pink or blue. Plain shell or scalloped edges. 30x40 inches. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

Cotton Table Cloths and Napkins Moderately Priced They keep one's table freshly white, and cut expenses at the same time. \$1 each for 18-inch breakfast napkins. Several designs. \$1 for neatly hemstitched or scalloped 54-inch table cloth. Several designs. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

Announcement! Beginning Tomorrow, These New Shoes for Men at \$5 will be the every-day-every-week standard of the Wanamaker Down Stairs Shoe Store for Men, on the Gallery, just one flight of stairs down from Market Street. We believe them to be the best \$5 shoes in the market. You are the judge. Come and look them over—tomorrow—any day. All are spread out for you to see. All sizes will be maintained in them day after day. Oxfords and high lace shoes of tan or black leathers or kidskin. Kidskin shoes with rubber heels. Calfskin shoes in cap tip and straight tip styles, perforated. Kidskin shoes on conservative broad-toe "comfort" lasts with straight tips. All have solid leather soles that will wear well.

